

REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Examiner objected claims 17 and 18 due to informalities, and allowed claims 1-16, 20, 21 and 27-57. In addition, the Examiner also indicated that claims 17 and 18 would be allowable if the informalities were overcome.

Claims 17 and 18 have been amended to overcome the informalities. Claims 1-18, 20, 21 and 27-57 remain pending.

It is submitted that the application is in condition or allowance. Reconsideration of the application and an early Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

If there are any issues remaining which the Examiner believes could be resolved through either a Supplemental Response or an Examiner's Amendment, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time which may be required to maintain the pendency of this case, and any required fee for such extension or any further fee required in connection with the filing of this Amendment is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0388.

Respectfully submitted,

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